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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): ELEMENT ORGANIZATION SUPPORT APPARATUS, ELEMENT ORGANIZATION SUPPORT METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM

By (Inventors): Yoshihiro MASUDA, Toshiya YAMADA, Yuichi UENO and Katsunori HORII

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- Formal drawings (Figs. 1-24; 21 sheets) are attached.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- An assignment of the invention to FUJI XEROX CO., LTD. is filed herewith.
- An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- Priority of foreign application No. 2000-010915 filed January 19, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
- A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
- The filing fee is calculated below:

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- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. Relevance of Japanese Patent No. 8-101817 and Japanese Patent No. 9-62733 is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the Japanese Patent No. 10-326315 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- 4. U.S. Patent No. 5,832,455 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 8-101817.

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